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E.O. 11652: DECONTROL AFTER ONE YEAR
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SUBJECT: LEFT WING EXTREMISTS HARRASS CCU STRIKE LEADERS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. A FOUR HOUR NATION-WIDE STRIKE OF INDUSTRIAL WORKERS ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY SIX WAS EXPLOITED BY SEVERAL ULTRA LEFT WING, EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS FOR THEIR OWN ENDS AND TO EMBARRASS THE THREE LEADERS OF THE FEDERATION CGIL-CISL-UIL (CCU). WHILE STORTI AND VANNI OF CISL AND UIL, RESPECTIVELY, HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO THIS KIND OF PLANNED HARRASSMENT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME CGIL SECRETARY GENERAL LAMA HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF SUCH ABUSE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PRE-ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF THE FEBRUARY SIX STRIKE IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR WAS TO FOCUS UNION ATTENTION ON THE URGENT NEED TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CRISES. BRUNO STORTI, SPEAKING IN THE NORTHERN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL
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CENTER OF MILAN, AND RAFFAEL VANNI IN THE SOUTHERN PORT AND

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INDUSTRIAL CITY OF BARI WERE CAREFUL TO AVOID SPECIFIC CRITICISM
OF THE ECONOMIC PROGRAM WHICH PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE ALDO MORO IS
USING TO TRY TO FORM A MINORITY ONE PARTY GOVERNMENT. THEY
REPEATED THEIR FIRM OPPOSITION TO EARLY ELECTIONS AND EMPHASIZED
THE NEED FOR POSITIVE STEPS TO REVIVE THE ECONOMY AND GUARANTEE
EMPLOYMENT LEVELS. LUCIANO LAMA, WHO CHOSE FIRENZE IN ITALY'S
SO-CALLED RED-BELT AS THE SITE FOR HIS RALLY, EXPRESSED CONCERN
OVER THE FRAILTY OF A SINGLE PARTY GOVERNMENT. HE REFERRED
TO THE NEED FOR A NEW MAJORITY, WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY INCLUDE
THE PCI. COMMENTING ON THE MORO PROGRAM, LAMA SAID IT WAS BETTER
IN SOME PARTS THAN THE POLICIES OF THE OUTGOING MORO-LA MALFA
GOVERNMENT. HE PRAISED PROPOSALS TO COMBAT THE FLIGHT OF CAPITAL
AND TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT FOR THE SEVERAL HUNDRED
THOUSAND YOUTHS WHO ARE SEEKING THEIR FIRST JOBS.

3. LAMA'S REMARKS WERE CONTESTED BY A GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS
ORGANIZED BY THE EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP "LOTTA CONTINUA". VANNI
WAS CHALLENGED BY A SIMILAR GROUP IN BARI WHO FREQUENTLY INTER-
RUPTED HIS REMARKS. THE EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARIANS CAUSED THE MOST
DIFFICULTY, HOWEVER, IN MILAN, WHICH IS ONE OF THEIR PRINCIPAL
POWER BASES. SEVERAL HUNDRED MEMBERS OF "LOTTA CONTINUA",
"AUTONOMIA OPERAIA" AND THE "COMITATI UNITARI DI BASE" OCCUPIED
THE PLACES IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING THE SPEAKERS PLATFORM SEVERAL
HOURS BEFORE STORTI'S SCHEDULED APPEARANCE. THEY DID NOT DISRUPT
THE OTHER SPEAKERS, WHO REPRESENTED THE HARD HIT TEXTILE SECTOR
AND WORKERS IN A NUMBER OF FACTORIES WHICH ARE FACING SHUT DOWNS.
WHEN BRUNO STORTI ATTEMPTED TO DELIVER HIS REMARKS, HOWEVER,
HE WAS FACED WITH A BARRAGE OF FRUIT AND OTHER OBJECTS AS WELL
AS HECKLING. INTERESTINGLY, THE ULTRAS CRITICIZED STORTI
PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF HIS ROLE AS A LEADER OF THE CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND NOT DUE TO HIS UNION STATUS.

4. COMMENT. THE FEBRUARY SIX MANIFESTATIONS OF INTOLERANCE BY
ULTRA LEFT WING ORGANIZATIONS WERE SOUNDLY CRITICIZED BY CISL
AND THE FEDERATION CGIL-CISL-UIL WHO CALLED SUCH ACTIONS "FASCIST"
IN NATURE. THEY ARE AN INDICATION, NEVERTHELESS, THAT CCU
POLICIES ARE NOT ENTIRELY ACCEPTED BY ALL ITALIAN WORKERS. IN
ADDITION TO THE EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARIANS, SOCIALIST MINORITIES
IN THE THREE CONFEDERATIONS HAVE BEEN HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE CCU
DISPOSITION TO SUPPORT MORO'S EFFORTS TO REVIVE THE ECONOMY. THE
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SOCIALISTS HAD ATTEMPTED TO TURN THE SUBJECT FOUR HOUR PARTIAL
STRIKE IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR INTO A NATION-WIDE GENERAL STRIKE.
THIS WAS REJECTED BY THE MAJORITY FORCES WITHIN THE CCU. IT
IS SIGNIFICANT, HOWEVER, THAT THE ULTRAS ALWAYS TURN OUT IN
FORCE FOR THIS TYPE OF PARTIAL STRIKE.VOLPE

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